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DESPITE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY REPORT (REF A)
CITING GREEK SOURCES AS DENYING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF VISIT OF
THREE U.S. EXPERTS TO ATHENS AS TECHNICAL ADVISERS TO
EMBASSY ON MATTERS RELATING TO BASES, WE BELIEVE, AS
MATTER OF CREDIBILITY, WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR ROLE,
IF ASKED, AND IF PRESSED RE THEIR PRESENCE IN ATHENS.
WE ANTICIPATE TAKING FOLLOWING PRESS LINE AND SUGGEST
EMBASSY USE SIMILAR LANGUAGE IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES:

"AS YOU KNOW, THE LAST ROUND OF US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS
RECESSED ON OCTOBER 7, 1976. SINCE THAT TIME, PERIODI-
CALLY, WE HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS
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THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY
AND APPROPRIATE GREEK OFFICIALS. SEVERAL U.S. TECHNICAL
EXPERTS HAVE TRAVELED TO ATHENS IN RECENT WEEKS TO PROVIDE
THE EMBASSY WITH EXPERTISE ON CERTAIN TECHNICAL MATTERS."
(IF PRESSED: THEY ARE IN ATHENS AT PRESENT.)
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